

Welcome to the 32nd Festival of Winter Ales

Hello and welcome back in these uncertain times, I hope everyone is well, it's certainly good to be writing these notes. This is our 32nd Festival of Winter Ales where we have 70 real ales and 7 ciders and wine to whet your appetite. For those new to our festival, you will find 35 ales and cider on the ground floor. On the 1st floor you will find the remaining 35 ales, along with the Hot and Cold Food Outlet, Membership, Tombola and Product stands. All floors have seating areas with additional seating areas on the 1st floor. Access to the 1st floor is via the stairs at the far end of the building or by the entrance lift. Please do not overload the lift!

All beers are listed in **alphabetical brewery order**. This year our selection includes a variety of Champion Beer of Britain contenders which we are judging at this festival, specialist winter-only brews and a number of members' choices, we even have a Cask Lager and Braggot. Whatever you choose to drink, we hope and believe that you will enjoy them.

Finally, I would just like to say thanks to all those hard working branch members who have organised this festival, all of our sponsors - their adverts and logos can be seen on the posters, big screen and various TVs. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes for our Tombola and last but by no means least, thanks to Exeter City Football Club for hosting our festival.

Have fun, drink sensibly and when walking around the festival please try to keep your distance and not to congregate on the stairs or in corridors.

Remember HANDS, FACE, SPACE and whilst doing that it is compulsory to enjoy yourselves.

Cheers, Ray Dwan
Festival Organiser



No.	BREWERY	BEER	LOCATION	ABV	STYLE	COLOUR	DESCRIPTION	V. = Vegan; H. = Naturally Hazy or Unfined
1	Amwell Springs	Winter Jammy	Oxford, Oxon.	3.8	Session Bitter	Pale Brown	Well-conditioned, with hints of grapefruit. A nice bitter.	
2	Beer Engine	Old Iron Horse	Newton St. Cyres	5.2	Premium Bitter	Brown	Nutty and perhaps oaky, with a mellow finish and aftertaste.	
3	Black Hole Brewery	Starry Night	Derby, Derbyshire	4.4	Premium Bitter	Pale Brown	Subtle hints of chocolate and caramel permeate this dark ruby bitter. A lingering bitterness.	
4	Black Tor Brewery	Advent	Christow, Devon	4.8	Premium Bitter	Copper	Malty taste, and slightly sweet. Shadows of Christmas-time flavours.	
5	Black Tor Brewery	Raven	Christow, Devon	4.2	Session Bitter	Brown	A nice Bitter with hints of marmalade and vanilla.	
6	Blue Anchor	Spingo Special	Helston, Cornwall	6.6	Strong Ale	Tawny	Smooth with a kaleidoscope of sweet stone fruits, smoky malt and hop flavours. Vinous and earthy.	
7	Blue Monkey Brewery	BG Sips	Nottingham, Notts	4.0	Session Pale	Blonde	Hoppy, tropical fruit aromas/peachy taste, & almost peppery bitterness. 20Kg 'Brewer's Gold' hops/batch.	
8	Bluestone Brewing	Blitzen	Cilgwyn, Pembrokeshire	4.1	Premium Pale	Pale	A quite lemony Pale Ale.	
9	Botley Brewery	Hidden Pale Ale (HPA)	Southampton, Hants	3.8	Session Pale	Golden	Full-bodied, slightly sharp, resinous flavour with a strong aftertaste.	
10	Branscombe Vale Brewery	Festive Frolics	Branscombe, Devon	4.5	Premium Bitter	Tawny	{This beer may not be available}	
11	Branscombe Vale Brewery	Out of Season	Branscombe, Devon	5.0	Premium Pale	Amber	Rounded body with hint of toffee and mellow aftertaste. You may just like summa' that.	
12	Bristol Beer Factory	Double Espresso Martini Stout	Bristol, Avon	5.5	Strong Stout	Black	Smooth, flavoursome coffee taste but not bitter like some. Very pleasant speciality beer.	
13	Burton Town Brewery	Winter Warmer	Burton-on-Trent, Staffs	6.2	Speciality	Black	V. A winter special with generous quantities of mulling spices and citrus peel. Christmas Pudding.	
14	Butts Brewery	Coper	Hungerford, Berkshire	6.0	Premium Bitter	Dark Brown	Classic strong English Ale with a hint of pear drops. Does what it says on the cask.	
15	Cerne Abbas Brewery	Gurt Coconuts Rum Stout	Cerne Abbas, Dorset	6.7	Strong Stout	Black	A strong sweet stout with very prominent coconut elements in aroma, taste and aftertaste. Lovely.	
16	Checkstone Brewery	Warm Yer Cockles	Exmouth, Devon	8.5	Speciality	Pale Brown	Dry, fruity and malty, quite sweet with a lingering and warming aftertaste to suit the winter seaside.	
17	Cheddar Ales Ltd	Festive Totty	Cheddar, Somerset	4.5	Session Porter	Black	Enriched by ruby port for a smoother, slightly sweeter taste; hints of chocolate, perhaps coffee, & fruit.	
18	Copper Street Brewery	Dorchester IPA	Dorchester, Dorset	6.7	IPA	Amber	English IPA, so no Grapefruit !! ..but a nice touch of Seville Marmalade in the background.	
19	Crossed Anchors	Bee Serker Braggot	Exmouth, Devon	8.5	Braggot	Pale Brown	Naturally hazy. Unusual 'Braggot' style with a blend of 6 UK/German malts and 2 British honeys.	
20	Dancing Duck	Nice Weather for Ducks	Derby, Derbyshire	4.1	Session Bitter	Pale Brown	Floral notes of summer fruits in perfect balance with the malt. A nice thirst quencher.	
21	Dartmoor Brewery	Dragon's Breath	Princetown, Devon	4.4	Premium Bitter	Copper	Full bodied, sweet, fruity with hint of treacle. Malt, roast and caramel from start to finish.	
22	Dartmoor Brewery	Jail Ale	Princetown, Devon	4.8	Premium Bitter	Amber	Well-rounded caramel and fruit with a pleasant aftertaste. Complex, malty sweet bitterness.	
23	Dawkins Ales	East Bristol Session Porter	Bristol, Avon	4.1	Session Porter	Ruby Red	Tobacco-like aroma from the roast malt. Smoky and bitter-sweet aftertaste.	
24	Downton Brewery	Moonstruck	Salisbury, Wilts	5.5	Premium Bitter	Dark Ruby	Malt & caramel in the aroma & taste with notes of dried fruit and plum . A dry lingering finish.	
25	Drop The Anchor	Tucktonia	Christchurch, Dorset	4.7	Premium Pale	Golden	V. Light, fruit, citrusy, tropical, pineapple, with a refreshing finish.	
26	Exeter Brewery	Darkness	Exeter, Devon	5.1	Strong Stout	Black	Full bodied. Complex taste with dark chocolate and hints of liquorice in the bitter finish.	
27	Exeter Brewery	Fall's Over	Exeter, Devon	5.0	Premium Bitter	Ruby Red	A winter warmer with malty flavours on the tongue and a dry toffee finish.	
28	Exe Valley Brewery	Exeter Old Bitter	Silverton, Devon	4.8	Premium Bitter	Tawny	A slightly earthy aroma, rich fruity taste and bitter finish.	
29	Exe Valley Brewery	Winter Glow	Silverton, Devon	6.0	Old Ale	Brown	Roast malt and fruit aroma. Marmalade and fruit on the taste buds and a long dry, bitter finish.	
30	Exmoor Brewery	Beast	Wiveliscombe, Somerset	6.6	Strong Ale	Mahogany	A superb blend of malt and hops with a complex and lingering aftertaste.	
31	Fine Tuned Brewery	Silent Night	Somerton, Somerset	4.5	Session Stout	Black	Chocolate stout – Bitter chocolate aroma, finish and aftertaste.	
32	Glastonbury Ales	Thriller Cappuccino Porter	Glastonbury, Somerset	5.0	Strong Porter	Black	Smooth, sweet, silky, rich Porter with coffee and chocolate.	
33	Gloucester Brewery	Dockside Dark	Gloucester, Glos.	5.2	Strong Porter	Dark Brown	A silky rich ale, warm and chocolatey with subtle sweetness	
34	Green Duck Brewery	Dystopia	Stourbridge, W. Midlands	4.5	Premium Pale	Golden	Fresh, tropical fruit, pineapple taste with refreshing lingering aftertaste.	
35	Green Jack Brewery	Lurcher	Lowestoft, Suffolk	4.8	Session Stout	Black	Roast malt and fruit on the nose. Raisins and hints of port lead to a lingering bitter finish.	

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36	Gyle 59	Milk Porter	Chard, Somerset	4.8	Session Porter	Dark Brown	H. Malty on the nose, dark licorice taste, malty and dry finish.
37	Hanlons Brewery	Goodwill	Half Moon, Devon	5.0	Premium Bitter	Tawny	An aroma and taste of winter spices. Smooth dry lingering finish.
38	Hanlons Brewery	Port Stout	Half Moon, Devon	4.8	Session Stout	Dark Ruby	Coffee aroma, lots of fruity body in this mild coffee and hints of chocolate stout with dry finish.
39	Hop Back	Pickled Santa	Downton, Wiltshire	6.0	Red Ale	Amber	A Christmas Ale, brewed with spices; taste of cinnamon and nutmeg, spicy and sweet aftertaste.
40	Isca Ales	Isca Gold	Dawlish, Devon	4.5	Session Golden	Golden	H. Sweet, syrupy nose, thin sweet taste with hints of apple, leading to bitter finish and a dry aftertaste.
41	Isca Ales	Yellow Snow	Dawlish, Devon	3.8	Session Pale	Straw	H. Hints of tart apple on the nose, thin apple with a tart edge.
42	Keltek Cornish Brewery	Beheaded	Redruth, Cornwall	7.5	Strong Ale	Pale Brown	Malty nose, sweet taste with syrupy/honey notes, full-bodied aftertaste.
43	Mad Dog Brewery	Now in a Minute	Penperleni, Monmouth	4.2	Premium Pale	Amber/Red	Malt dominates the nose and in the taste, fruity flavours lead to a lingering flavoursome finish.
44	Mantle Brewery Ltd	Dis-Mantle	Cardigan, Cardigan	5.8	Old Ale	Amber	Little aroma, Malty taste with an emerging hoppiness, smooth dry lingering finish.
45	Moor Beer Co.	Rebirth	Bristol, Avon	6.0	Premium Golden	Golden	Fullers collab.: ESB recipe from 1971 reborn for 50 th anniversary. Hoppy aroma, fruity taste.
46	Mumbles Brewery	Kiwi Christmas	Swansea, Glamorgan	4.8	Speciality	Amber	Light hop aroma, fruity taste with a lingering hoppy aftertaste.
47	Otter Brewery	Otter Elf	Luppitt, Devon	4.0	Session Bitter	Pale Brown	Seasonal spices aroma with plums in the taste, and a short aftertaste.
48	Padstow Brewery	Windjammer	Padstow, Cornwall	4.3	Session Bitter	Copper	Dominant sweet malt taste with vanilla and slight hop aroma.
49	Palmers	Tally Ho! Ho! Ho!	Bridport, Dorset	5.5	Strong Bitter	Brown	This is Tally Ho! ...with an extra month of barrel maturation imparting the extra Ho! Ho! Malty/fruity.
50	Pitchfork Ales	Santa Fe	West Hewish, Somerset	7.2	Strong Ale	Deep Ruby	Nose of Marzipan, taste of Christmas cake; sweet, short aftertaste.
51	Powderkeg Beer	Inkling	Woodbury Salterton, Devon	5.0	Strong Stout	Black	Coffee Milk Stout; Oats, 6 Malts, and a shot of Espresso in every pint... really! Full body; short aftertaste.
52	Riverside Brewery	Tuns of Fun!	Upper Beeding, W. Sussex	4.2	Cask Lager	Yellow	Cask Lager; Lemon aroma, taste of tart lemon, and apple overtones. Short and dry aftertaste.
53	Salcombe Brewery Co.	Island Street Porter	Salcombe, Devon	5.9	Strong Porter	Black	A fine, rich Porter with chocolate/vanilla aroma, and a sweet, lingering coffee aftertaste.
54	Salcombe Brewery Co.	Christmas Tide	Salcombe, Devon	4.9	Premium Bitter	Chestnut	A Christmas Ale with chocolate and wheat malts, winter spices, bringing crisp taste and smooth finish.
55	South Hams Brewery	Black & White	Kingsbridge, Devon	5.2	Strong Stout	Black	Smooth Milk Stout, with hints of vanilla, and a strong aftertaste.
56	South Hams Brewery	Pandemonium	Kingsbridge, Devon	5.0	Premium Bitter	Brown	Smooth with a complex fruity palate, with undertones of roasted malt. Sweet aftertaste.
57	Summerskills Brewery	South Star	Plymouth, Devon	5.6	Old Ale	Brown	Slightly sweet upon first tasting, smooth malty body with small hint of chocolate and a bitter aftertaste.
58	Swan Brewery	Winter Swanderland	Leominster, Hereford	4.8	Premium Bitter	Tawny	Winter-fruit taste with a lingering aftertaste. (Update 20/1/22: Brewery closing in Spring 2022)
59	Teignmouth Brewery	Easterly	Teignmouth, Devon	5.0	Premium Bitter	Copper	Hint of citrus. This bitter has a dry finish.
60	Teignworthy Brewery	Martha's Mild	Newton Abbot, Devon	5.3	Strong Mild	Dark Brown	Malt aromas and very pleasant fruity taste with some roasted flavours. Think I'll have another!
61	Tintagel Brewery	Harbour Special	Tintagel, Cornwall	4.8	Old Ale	Tawny	Ripe fruit and malt aroma and taste. A well-rounded bitter and malty finish.
62	Tomos & Lilford	Gwenith Du	Cowbridge, Glamorgan	4.0	Speciality	Black	A 50/50 mix of Wheat and Barley malts, give a good complex mild, sweet beer with low bitterness.
63	Topsham Brewery	Heroes in a Half Shell	Exeter, Devon	4.2	Session Stout	Black	Contains Shellfish. A light and pleasant session Oyster Stout.
64	Treen's Brewery	Cloud Cuckoo	Ponsanooth, Cornwall	5.9	Old Ale	Brown	Full bodied, malty with a hint of fruit and whisky barrel aftertaste. Very drinkable.
65	Turks Head Brewery	Witches Brew	Exeter, Devon	4.5	Stout	Black	V. H. Traditional-style Stout, locally brewed.
66	Twickenham Brewery	Winter Star	Twickenham, Middx.	4.4	Old Ale	Dark Brown	Roasted malt throughout with sultanas and sweet caramel in the taste. A spicy bitter finish.
67	Twisted Brewing Co.	Crafty Santa	Westbury, Wilts	4.2	Session Bitter	Tawny	Well-balanced and quaffable. Fruity taste.
68	Uttoxeter Brewing Co.	Paddock Porter	Uttoxeter, Staffs.	4.8	Session Porter	Black	Smooth traditional Porter, with chocolate undertones.
69	Wessex Brewery	Stourton	Devizes, Wiltshire	3.5	Session Pale	Straw	This very pale, hoppy session beer has plenty of character.
70	Windsor and Eton	Father Thames	Windsor, Berks	4.8	Premium Bitter	Tawny	Notes of toffee, caramel and marmalade.

Cider and Wine

No.	PRODUCER	PRODUCT	LOCATION	ABV	Dry (1) – Sweet (7)	DESCRIPTION V. = Vegan; H. = Naturally Hazy
C1	Ventons Cyder	Skippy's Scrumpy	Clyst St Lawrence	6.5	1 - Dry	Unfiltered Scrumpy. Made with straw pressed juice, naturally fermented with yeast present in the apples.
C2	Sandford Orchards	Slack Ma Girdle	Crediton	5.8	3 - Medium Dry	VEGAN, Gluten Free. A single variety named after one of Devon's favourite cider apples.
C3	Sandford Orchards	Devon Red	Crediton	4.5	4 - Medium	VEGAN, Gluten Free. A well-balanced medium cider named after the rich red Devon soils.
C4	Hunts	Wobbler	Stoke Gabriel	6.0	5 – Medium Sweet	A clear cider made from a 200 year old recipe. Clean, soft and bittersweet.
C5	Sandford Orchards	Hangy Downs	Crediton	5.5	5 - Medium Sweet	VEGAN, Gluten Free. Delicious baked apple and butterscotch flavours with a rich cider finish.
C6	Sandford Orchards	The General	Crediton	8.4	5 - Medium Sweet	VEGAN, Gluten Free. Mighty vat-aged cider, bold and satisfying.
C7	Sandford Orchards	Fanny's Bramble Cider	Crediton	4.0	5 - Medium Sweet	VEGAN, Gluten Free. A clear sweet fruit cider made with 3 apple varieties and blackberry juice.
W1	Yalumba Wines	The Y Series, Sauvignon Blanc	S. Australia, 2020	12.50%	Light and Crisp white	Australian Sauvignon Blanc
W2	Yalumba Wines	The Y Series, Merlot	S. Australia, 2019	14.00%	Medium red	Australian Merlot